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SUBJECT: CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN PORTUGAL

REF: LISBON 3663

1. LATEST CHOLERA STATISTICS REPORTED REFTTEL CLEARLY INDICATE DISEASE CONTINUING SPREAD THROUGHOUT METROPOLITAN PORTUGAL WITH CONTROL BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT.
 2. CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HAS AVAILABLE A PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING EPIDEMIOLOGIST WHO CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GOP (WITHOUT COST) TO ASSIST PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN DETERMINING HOW CHOLERA BACTERIA BEING TRANSMITTED. UNLESS TRANSMISSION AGENT IS DETERMINED, DISEASE WILL CONTINUE TO SPREAD.
 3. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIAL AND EXPRESS USG
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DESIRE ASSIST GOP IN COMBATting CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

EMBASSY SHOULD OFFER SERVICES OF USPHS EPIDEMIOLOGIST EMPHASIZING THAT -- IF ACCEPTED BY GOP -- HE WOULD WORK QUIETLY WITH HIS PORTUGUESE COLLEAGUES TO TRY DETERMINE HOW DISEASE BEING TRANSMITTED. USPHS INFORMS US THAT EPIDEMIOLOGIST CAN TRAVEL TO PORTUGAL JUST AS SOON AS GOP AGREES TO US OFFER.

4. FYI. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. WE ARE AWARE THAT A WHO TEAM HAS ALREADY VISITED PORTUGAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK. HOWEVER, WHO TEAM DID NOT DETERMINE HOW THE DISEASE IS BEING TRANSMITTED. USPHS ADVISES US THAT CHOLERA OUTLOOK FOR CHOLERA IN PORTUGAL IS GRIM UNLESS TRANSMISSION AGENT IS DETERMINED. WHO HAS NO PLAN TO MAKE RETURN VISIT TO PORTUGAL. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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